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Rep. Udall Offers 9-Point Program To Slice Spending By \$5.8 Billion

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U. S. Rep. Morris K. Udall, deplored the "tribal ritual" in Washington of vague budget-cut talk, today offered his own nine-point program to lop \$5.8 billion from this year's spending requests.

Explained Democrat Udall, "Without some reductions, we are unlikely to get the kind of meaningful tax revision necessary to cut loose the stunted growth of our economy."

Udall's "meaningful" cuts would not be in new proposals of President Kennedy.

"The truth is that, of the \$98.8 billion in the 1964 budg-

et, only four-tenths of 1 per cent represents new programs like the Youth Conservation Corps, aid for medical training or urban mass transportation. The great increase in spending came from the additional cost of existing programs."

In speeches here earlier this year Udall spoke of a \$5.3 billion budget cut, but apparently another look at proposed spending has convinced him an additional half-billion slice would not impair the nation's economic position.

Here are his suggested cuts:

DEFENSE—Knock out \$3.5

billion from the over-all \$55 billion request. He urges Congress to stop badgering the defense secretary to continue unneeded bases or launch unnecessary programs. Udall felt the nation could well cut back its \$2.5 million for the Atomic Energy Commission ("we surely have enough bombs and warheads), the \$250 million for a feeble anti-missile program, and sums hidden away "for the vast, mysterious Central Intelligence Agency."

He said the nation was devoting 10 per cent of its national income to preparation for war—a larger share than any free nation and over half the total federal budget.

AGRICULTURE—Cut \$1.5 billion from the \$5.7 billion farm program.

MEDICAL AND HEALTH RESEARCH—Hold back on new programs of the National Institutes of Health and save \$50 million.

SPACE—Pare an enormous increase in the space program by \$500 million.

AID TO EDUCATION—A \$50 million downward revision in the President's new aid-to-education program, which he said should be enacted.

FOREIGN AID—Cut \$500 million from the \$4.9 billion request in the light of the Clay committee report and with hard-headed administration by the new director, David Bell.

PUBLIC WORKS—Hold back \$100 million from the \$900 million accelerated public works program, selecting projects whose postponement would work no special hardship.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

Make no change in benefits affecting deserving veterans, but cut \$150 million in the area of services rendered to able-bodied veterans and those with non-service-connected disabilities. A total budget of \$5.5 billion is being sought by the administration.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION—"I'm not ready to close out SBA, but my budget would be down \$50 million."

Udall would not go budget-cutting all the way and suggests additions in three areas: Parks and recreation, up \$200 million; reclamation, up \$200 million, and miscellaneous, for program needs as they develop, \$150 million.

His balance sheet shows reductions of \$6.4 billion, additions of \$550 million, for a net reduction of \$5.85 billion.

Udall predicted prompt and vigorous criticism both in Washington and Arizona of his suggestions.

But he cautioned, "The people of a democracy generally get no better government than their own attitudes deserve. We need more mature citizens who will respect, and not penalize, the conscientious representative who refuses to seek unwarranted favors or expenditures for his state."